REMARKS

Pursuant to a telephone conversation between the examiner and Robb Edmonds, the amendments to the specification submitted in the Applicant's Response to Final Office Action Dated September 14, 2001, will be entered. Therefore, claims 15, 16, and 26-35 remain pending in the application.

The only outstanding § 112 issue is the substitute specification. Accordingly, Applicants submit herewith both a marked up version and a clean copy of the substitute specification to obviate the objection. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Additionally, Applicants re-assert their previous arguments regarding the rejections of the claims and submit that the case is now in condition for allowance. More particularly, the references cited by the Examiner, neither alone nor in combination, teach, show, or suggest the claimed invention. Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

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